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## SPEAKER FORSTER.

This is the era of the young man. Even in British Columbia it is now no disgrace to be a young man; even here the demand for young men to fill positions of the highest honor and trust is growing stronger. Mr. Thomas Forster, M.P.I. for Delta, who was chosen yesterday to be the speaker of the legislative assembly, is a young man. He is one of those who have fought their way manfully through life, and overcome all obstacles to their progress. Possessing a fine natural gift of shrewd common sense, an excellent judgment, a cool, well-balanced temperament, and having for years made a special study of parliamentary practice, Mr. Forster may be described as peculiarly fitted to fill the high office to which he has been called. Yet we strongly regret that so forceful a speaker has been honored out of the fighting ranks of the government; his able arguments and convincing speeches will be missed; British Columbia never had a plethra of such speakers. So that while we must cordially congratulate Mr. Forster upon the deserved honor which has been paid to him in electing him to the speakership, we cannot refrain from expressing sincere regrets that so excellent a debater and active worker has been removed from the floor of the house.

## A COMIC PROPOSAL.

"Time and tide wait for no man," is the old saw; and we might add that business cannot wait for any man who cannot see his way clear to make a satisfactory proposal. Positively, a more absurd argument was never advanced in the columns of the leading organ of the disrupted opposition this morning. Surely the writer was in fun when he argued that the public business of this great province should wait the convenience of one member, whom the same veracious organ blandly alludes to as the leader of the alleged opposition. It is too humorous. True, the premier who retires, or is retired, is generally looked upon as the leader of Her Majesty's loyalists, but there are cases where the loyalists are so disorganized and mixed up that all the fragments of the parties are not willing to unite under one leader. This is the case with the British Columbia alleged opposition; there are men in it who will yield Mr. Turner but a grudging allegiance; they have no confidence in the judgment of a man who has given so many evidences that he has not a superabundance of it, and who is likely to make even a poorer leader in opposition than in the days when he was king.

But we cannot get over the Colonel's preposterous argument that a whole house, a whole country should wait for the reappearance on the scene of an unpunctual politician. Mr. Turner will think himself highly honored, no doubt, to have such a proposition made on his behalf. But this is only another indication of the practical character of our government; they are under no obligation to suspend the business of the country on account of a dilatory member; they are under no obligation to follow the ridiculous and unbusinesslike practices of the Turner ministry in adjourning the house for nearly a week after the opening ceremonies. They want to get ahead, they know the other members want to proceed at once and they know the country expects them to go on. So they are going on to-day and will go steadily on to the finish of the session.

We understand night sittings are to begin almost immediately, and that business will be put forward with all possible dispatch, every hour that can be saved being saved. This is ordinary business practice, and we want to see nothing else in the government of this country.

## PROTECTING OUR PLACERS.

Our American cousins are already very much interested in the announcement from the throne yesterday that legislation would be submitted by the British Columbia government looking to the exclusion of all men from placers in our gold fields. Thanks to the telegraph Chicago, San Francisco, New York and all the great mining cities in the western and northern states are now discussing the news. We know this from the requests which have come from the newspapers in those distant places to their correspondents here, for full particulars. It will thus be seen that the legislation proposed will be of immense interest and importance to people far beyond our boundaries.

The government of British Columbia in taking this step can be sure, at least, of the cordial approval of the majority of British Columbia people, and Canadians generally. The time has come when Canadian statesmen must do something to protect the magnificent natural resources of the country from the unscrupulous, non-contributing alien, and to let our own miners, capitalists and workers have first chance. What our government are about to do is only in the line of common justice, and we fail to see where a successful argument can be founded against them for taking the initiative so boldly.

We are confident that both sides of the house will grant full support to this measure when it comes before them, and it will be an auspicious day for

British Columbia and for Canada, too, when that measure goes upon our statute books as the law of the land.

One beneficial effect which this piece of legislation is likely to have is an important increase in the population of the province, because many Americans and others who know quite as well as British Columbians themselves, perhaps better in many instances, the superior ease with which fortunes can be made in our rich gold-fields and the advantages of residence in this country, will not hesitate to become citizens of the Dominion of Canada, settle down here and bring up their families. It is not much trouble for an American citizen to become a Canadian citizen, and our government are about to throw the door open for the influx of great numbers of those skilled, enterprising miners. This is not a thing that American friends away; it is inviting them to come here and settle.

In almost every particular the present government differ from the late Turner administration, but in nothing more markedly than in their business methods. No government that ever held power in this province have cared less for the ornamental side of the position, or more for the practical. Take the opening of the house yesterday as an example of plain men of sense getting to work without any unnecessary fuss or flummery. The absence of ostentation at yesterday's function was in perfect consonance with the very serious announcements made in the speech from the throne. It is a safe thing to say that nothing more important in the way of announcements has ever been made in this province. The government are out for business, not for fun; we congratulate the people of the province upon the facts.

Mr. J. E. Doyen, of Quatsino, writes the *Colonist* that he gave an interview to the *Times* about coal properties in West Vancouver Island. Mr. Doyen is unnecessarily alarmed and excited; the *Times* had no interview with him, and never published any interview with him. His name was merely mentioned in connection with that of Mr. C. L. Thonibor, a school teacher, who came last Saturday from the west coast on the Queen City. Mr. Doyen being in Mr. Thonibor's company at the time. We hope this explanation will soothe Mr. Doyen's ruffled sensibilities.

Mr. R. E. Gonnell, we learn, is meeting with gratifying success in his work as general secretary for British Columbia of the University Association, a very large number of enquiries having reached him for particulars. We have examined the prospectus and course of study, and can heartily recommend the same to the attention of every young man and young woman who desires mental culture that will fit him or her better for the battle of life.

Now that the house is in session and the representatives of the mainland press are present, the proposal to form a press club, which has been going the rounds of the papers for some time back, could not be considered at a more opportune time. It only requires somebody to take the initiative and the thing is done.

The sudden death of W. G. Neilson, M. P. for Northeast Kootenay, will be sincerely regretted by every person who had a personal acquaintance with the deceased. He was an honorable, intelligent and energetic business man—a fine type of the young Canadian. The sympathy of every friend will be given unreservedly to his widow and children.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings To-day—Victoria. Almost Unrepresented—A Big Majority.

After formal opening Col. Baker mentioned the death of Mr. W. G. Neilson, a member of the house, which was confirmed by the premier.

The address in reply was then moved by Mr. Ralph Smith, of Nanaimo, in an excellent speech, and was seconded by Mr. J. W. Munroe, Chilliwack. Both made excellent speeches.

"What is to be done for the representation of Victoria in the legislative assembly?" is a question which is being asked with a goodly amount of interest. Ex-Premier Turner is away and Richard Hall has failed to put in an appearance at the house.

Twenty to thirteen in favor of the government, all the seats to the right of the speaker being occupied. There was a large attendance of the general public, the galleries being crowded.

It was interesting this afternoon to note the close attention paid by Mr. James Dunsmuir to Ralph Smith's speech. Not a word escaped him apparently.

## THE GRIPPE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—The gripe is now epidemic in Montreal. Doctors have been working overtime and going without sleep. Since its first visit in the winter of 1893 and 1894, the form has not visited the atmosphere of the city in such overwhelming myriads as during the last few days.

## ED. FARRER'S OPINION.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—A correspondent learns to-day that Ed. Farrer, a journalist, who has been at Washington since the sitting of the commission, and who has had ample opportunity to size up events, stated to an intimate friend here that there is no possible chance for Canada to get an acceptable treaty from the Americans.

## DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

Phoenix, N.I., Jan. 6.—The iron doors of the vault of the Phoenix National Bank were blown out by dynamite about 1 o'clock this morning, but three men who attempted to rob the bank were frightened to the interior apartments where the money and other valuables were kept. The burglars escaped, and up to this morning there was no clue to their identity.

## COLD SNAP AT NELSON.

Nelson, B.C., Jan. 6.—Owing to the extremely cold weather prevailing here during the past few days, the Kootenay lake, for the first time since the winter of 1892-93, is frozen over opposite the city. There has been no delay to navigation.

## VANCOUVER NEWS.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 6.—To-day Mr. R. Parker was brought into Vancouver with a broken leg and wrist. While proceeding on Mount Baker he fell into a crevice, but was rescued after several hours by his companions. The injured man is now recovering in a hospital, and caught the train.

## Communications.

## TO OPEN UP THE ISLAND.

To the Editor: Now that the Turner political syndicate has been relegated to unimportant positions, the *Colonist*, headed by Messrs. Smith and Martin, will soon be making its debut in the provincial parliament. Good results are anticipated from the installation of this government, and the late speech of the former general manager struck a chord that augurs well for the removal of grievances and the introduction of reforms. One of the great evils of the province is the "railway belt" on Vancouver Island; that tract of land is to all intents and purposes the Dunsmuir preserve. There is no gain in weeping over the past; whether a Liberal or a Conservative government wished away the privilege of the people it matters little, but it is satisfactory to know that the attorney-general has proclaimed that similar land grants shall not be made to any railway in the province in the future. This is a step in the right direction, and we are sure to see the present and future generations to face the present and future.

This tract known as the "railway belt" has been dead and undeveloped to all but the Dunsmuir family, who have used it as a hunting ground and a place for storing their surplus of minerals and lumber. The scarcity of minerals and lumber will have increased prices. The conditions of the land, both as regards mining and the holding of the land, are such as to exclude mining and the holding of the land. Nothing was to be expected from the late government, for it was run by a Victoria political syndicate, and had no interest in urging the Dunsmuir to be generous to the people. These houses insisted on official positions and drew their salaries and they had no taste for looking into the grievances of the people. What is more, they were not to be done! The deed respecting the "railway belt" has been signed and sealed and time has ratified its acknowledgment. The contract may be binding, but here the people of the province? Did the government then in power ever intend that the land would be put up and sold at 35 per acre and upwards? The price is out of all reason and is secured by the fact that the land is patchy, and when one comes to reckon up the rocky and unsuitably barren land, the price available for cultivation is reduced to one-half or less. The price of the land, then, instead of being 35 per acre, is practically 20 per acre. Taking into account the quality of the land, the dry summer season, the climate of the very heavy timber on it, and the market price of produce, to give it a nominal selling price of 20 cents per acre, 25 cents per acre in the bush. There are settlers who are willing to make a home for themselves, and who have had to retire without a cent. The price really drives people from taking up the land, and then those who go in are isolated and deprived of cooperation, which is so essential to the successful cultivation of the soil.

Let the members of the new government, or some of them, who have come into power, take a trip by the Nanaimo express and they will see what in American phraseology is "a horse-railway," consisting of a couple of sparsely filled, attached to an engine. On these cars which are pulled by a horse, the words, "What has been is, and will ever be." There is no development of traffic, and no increase of revenue is likely to be derived from the road, and rates, which are already too high and prohibitive, are increased. Instead of a country smiling, there is a country of busy life, there is little that meets the eye but forest, rock, and stream. There are "homesteads" here and there along the line, no doubt, but a doleful stillness pervades the journey, broken only by the snoring of the engine as it careers along with its tiny load.

Before reaching Nanaimo more activity begins to manifest itself. In a coal, the "railway belt" and coal are associated with the Dunsmuir, and coal is the life of the island. The island railway directorate have no eye to business; they do not seem to see that the coal is being simply for settlement, and the productions would bring traffic to the line and farmers would draw their supplies from, and send their products to, Victoria.

Victoria is suffering from chronic paralysis, and there is no improvement until the land is opened up to easy settlement, and is brought under cultivation. Can Mr. Editor, or any of your shrewd business associates, enlighten that opaque railway directorate by speech or speech of their unbusinesslike stupidity? Such a course of affairs would not be allowed to exist anywhere except on Vancouver Island. The "railway belt," however, is in the hands of the Dunsmuir, who will likely remain unmoved until they become overwhelmed by the advancing tide of socialism.

A pamphlet was issued by the E. & N. Co. a few years ago, entitled, "Home for Settlers on Vancouver Island." It is amusing to see how the land is described, and it is astonishing the land has not been taken up twice over, but settlers are shy of its conditions, and when fully examined, the land is no "snap." Unless a more liberal policy prevails on the part of the railway company, the land will be as unused as the bed of the ocean. How does this act on the government and the trading community? If it were sold to settlers it would become a tax-paying, and therefore a source of revenue to the province; meanwhile it yields nothing, and the railway company possesses it free of taxation. The present condition of the "railway belt" is detrimental to the highest degree to Victoria and all the struggling business places along the railway line. It is fortunate that Mr. Dunsmuir is not a member of the provincial parliament. His election would be that of a man who would be in the house what he has done to promote the interests of the island and the welfare of those in the "railway belt." The new government will then be able to judge how far the bargain has been beneficial to the province.

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There died the other day in Kansas City a man who lost his passion for drink in a peculiar manner, says the *Kansas City Star*.

From his youth the man had been an unsuccessful drinker. One night several years ago he stumbled into an obscure saloon at midnight, gave his order and pointed to the list of drinks on the wall. A man standing near by took from his pocket an addressed envelope and from another a stamp, which he placed with his tongue. Instead of adhering to the envelope, as the man intended, the stamp slipped from his fingers and landed on the door. The uncomprehending tippler saw it fall and staggered forward to pick it up. Just as he was about to grasp it the stamp started in a zigzag course toward the side wall, like a scared thing. Filled with wonder and astonishment the drunken man watched the dance of the paper, which, upon reaching the wall began to ascend. As it ascended the tippler followed it with his eyes, his body moving. His mind was vacant from years of excessive drinking. He thought, as thousands of drunkards have thought, and will continue to think, that in some inexplicable way he was doomed; the animated stamp was a warning.

At the top of the wincing stamp stopped, squatted itself as if for a moment's rest before ascending higher, and then, without warning, made a swift dart toward the tippler's haggard face. The trembling man was unquestionably doomed if he continued longer to drink to excess; the stamp had been given life to warn him. With a pitiful yell of fear and determination he rushed from the saloon. From that fearful night until he died in prison circumstances recently, the man never swallowed a drop of liquor.

## "LADY" LAWYERS IN FRANCE.

M. Trenchard, ex-minister of the colonies, and advocate by profession, is the president of the parliamentary committee appointed to examine the claims of the lawyers who want to be allowed authorization to plead in courts of justice. The examination of the claims of the lawyers is a thoroughly in favor of the admission of women to the bar. They do not see why a lady advocate should be prevented from practicing her profession, since there are women who have been empowered to plead in courts of justice, and have obtained high degrees in arts and science. Accordingly, Mlle. Jeanne Chauvin and those who, like her, are clever and studious enough to wade through the pandora and the codes in order to obtain degrees and honors from the faculty of law are now gradually advancing toward their desired goal. The lawyers of the Palais de Justice, animated by professional jealousy,

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## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A small stationery and confectionery business. Apply O. J. this office.

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## PERSONAL.

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## SOCIETIES.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p.m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

NEEDLEWORK—CLASSES recommence January 17th, lessons every afternoon at 3:30; Saturdays, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. (senior pupils), from 10:45 to 12 noon. Junior pupils, 2 to 3 p.m. One week, 50 cents per month. Further particulars on application to Miss Boorman, 129 Michigan street.

HYGIENIC VAPOR BATH CABINETS—Agents for Victoria: H. Jackson, Health Food Store, 30 Government street, near the post office.

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## MAYORALTY ELECTION.

Meetings of the electors will be held as follows:  
SEMPLE'S HALL, VICTORIA WEST, Saturday, January 17th.  
ODD FELLOWS' HALL, SPRING RIDGE, Monday, January 19th.  
JOHN'S BROS. HALL, and SOUTH PARK SCHOOL, Tuesday, January 20th.

All meetings begin at 8 p.m. The above meetings are called by Walter Morris, candidate for mayor. All candidates for mayor, aldermen and school trustees are invited.



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**COLDER AND MORE SNOW.**

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 15, 5 a.m.—Since yesterday the barometric pressure has increased considerably over Eastern British Columbia and adjoining states. Owing to the hovering of an important storm area off the Oregon coast, heavy rains, accompanied by increasing winds, have set in at the mouth of the Columbia river. Port Canby reports over 2 inches while immediately to the eastward a severe snowstorm prevails.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy; temperature, 30.23; wind, N.E., 9 miles; snow, 5 in.; weather, snow.

Vancouver—Temperature, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.72; temperature, 2 below, minimum, 4 below; wind, 10 miles; snow, 10; weather, cloudy.

Barrow—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 10 below, minimum, 12 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Neah, Wash.—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 20, minimum, 20; wind, N.E., 5 miles; snow, 2 inches; weather, snow.

Tacoma—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 32, minimum, 32; wind, N.; 4 miles; snow, 3.5 inches; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, 42, minimum, 40; wind, N., 4 miles; weather, clear.

Forecasts

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Strong north and northeast winds, increasing to gales along the coast; turning much colder, with occasional snowfalls.

Lower Mainland—North and northeast winds, increasing to moderate gales over the Straits and Sound; decidedly cold; occasional snowfalls.

**City News in Brief.**

—Drink Blue Ribbon Tea.

—See Mlle. Atlantis in her famous fire dance at the A. O. U. W. hall to-night.

—“Divorce,” one of the greatest of all society plays, at the A. O. U. W. hall to-night.

—There will be a full rehearsal of the “Robin Hood” chorus at Walcott’s Hall on Tuesday evening at eight o’clock.

—Two Chinamen, who for some time have evaded the vigilance of the local police, were captured last night and charged with assault on William Russell.

—Samples of 1890 Crescent bicycles, both chain and chainless, have just been received by the local agents, Messrs. Walcott & Co. As usual they are perfect beauties, and the prices are right.

—Children’s tea sets, moustache and presentation cups and saucers, fancy pitchers, carvers, knives and forks, and other suitable Christmas presents, at R. A. Brown & Co., 50 Douglas street.

—Bargains in Flannellette Blouses which have never been equalled in Victoria. At the Sterling, 83 Yates street.

—Meetings in connection with the mayoralty campaign are announced by Mr. Morris as follows: Saturday, Semple’s Hall, Victoria West; Monday, Odd Fellows’ Hall, Spring Ridge; Tuesday, Johns’ Bros. Hall, and South Park School.

—The Lindleys are still giving excellent performances in the A. O. U. W. hall, and last night a double bill was submitted, “The Factory Girl” and “The Burglar.” They present another good play to-night, entitled “Divorce,” and in addition, the rival dancers will present the latest terpsichorean novelties.

—The principal feature of interest at yesterday’s meeting of the W. O. T. U. was an address by Mrs. Graham, of Toronto, on “Eternity.” The civic elections and the attitude of the union therein were also taken into consideration. An able paper was given by Mrs. Sherwood on the “Influence of Small Things.”

—The Young Men’s Liberal Club will meet again to-morrow evening in Pioneer hall, and the members and friends will be treated to an address by Robert Macpherson, M.P.P., on “Questions of grave importance to British Columbia at the present time.” Mr. Macpherson will certainly have something of interest to say and it is hoped that a large attendance will be recorded.

—Meetings in connection with the University Association of British Columbia have been arranged for this city and for Vancouver in the near future. Next Wednesday evening, at the request of the pastor of the church, Rev. W. Leslie Gray, R. M. Gosnell, secretary of the society, will address a meeting in St. Andrew’s Church in this city. At this meeting the objects of the society will be explained by Mr. Gosnell, who left this morning for Vancouver, where he will address a meeting at the request of Rev. Dr. Eby. Mr. Gosnell has received numerous applications from different parts of the province to address meetings in the society’s interests.

—The local Salvationists held a very successful meeting in their barracks last night, when they appeared in the costumes in which they were dressed when converted. Thirteen soldiers in “character” dresses were present under the leadership of Capt. Ayre. Great regret was expressed when the captain informed his comrades that he had received a call. The army have taken the premises lately occupied by the Y. M. C. A., and take possession on the 1st of February. They will then be in a compact body, and splendid results are expected. Several soldiers were commissioned at the meeting and instructed in their new duties by the officer in charge.

—Dinner sets, tea sets, glass, silver, fruit sets, and all kinds of glass, crockery and china at Weller Bros.

—Smoke the “Nugget,” 103 Johnson St.

—For ladies’ fine tailor made costumes go to Wm. Stewart, Port street.

—Glassware and other goods just opened at R. A. Brown & Co., 50 Douglas street.

—Violins from \$1 upwards; finest strings for all instruments, 63 Yates street.

—Dress Goods and Millinery at cost for the next 10 days at the Sterling Annual Clearance Sale, 83 Yates street.

—Ald. R. T. Williams will again be a candidate for Central ward at the coming municipal election.

—A full rehearsal of the operetta Prince and Peddler will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o’clock in Institute hall.

—Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., are preparing a first-class program for their weekly concert to be given in Temperance Hall to-morrow evening.

—The local police were notified this morning that a fisherman named Marry, who had gone fishing in his smack, had been missing for several days, and that he was feared to be in danger.

—However, just as the police launch was about to be despatched in search of him, word arrived that the man had returned.

—One effect of the big storm which enveloped Victoria in a covering of the beautiful is the scarcity of wood. There is a famine of wood, and very few yards are able to supply orders. Those that have wood have orders which will last them for two or three days to come. The famine will not be relieved until the snow shows the wood cutters to get to work.

—A meeting of the police commission of the city will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Among the matters which will come up for consideration will be the resignation of Constable Anderson, the police report for the past year, and the resolution condemning the action of the mayor and Dr. Helmecke, which was passed at the public meeting on Wednesday night.

—Ald. John Hall is a candidate for reelection as a representative in the council for South Ward. During the four years Mr. Hall has sat on the aldermanic board he has made a systematic effort to conserve the interests of his constituents and for the past two years as chairman of the park committee he has given the Beacon Hill pleasure resort special attention, taking these measures in keeping the floral display in attractive condition and making the appropriation of \$1,000 go as far as possible in the maintenance of the grounds.

—Fred Hummel, a member of Her Majesty’s navy, celebrated not wisely but too well yesterday evening, and was making himself conspicuous in Government street when his company was requested by Constable Abel, who was on duty there. That worthy officer describes in graphic language the great interest which was taken in the arrest, and says that the feat was witnessed by fully five hundred people. The tar was loaded on a sleigh and was conveyed to the police station. This morning he was fined \$2 and \$1 costs for his offence, the latter amount going to the owner of the sleigh.

—The Y. M. C. A. rooms, which have remained vacant since the collapse of that organization, are to again become occupied on the 1st of February. The new residents are the local corps of the Salvation Army, who will make it their headquarters henceforth. The present premises are too roomy for the use of the Army, and at the same time do not give the requisite accommodation for their work. The baths of the new rooms have been sub-rented, and it is expected that the old library will also be leased for office purposes. The officers will take up their residence in the rooms, one of the parlors being retained for the public services.

—The special feature of interest at to-morrow night’s band concert will be the basket ball game between the Swifts and the Regiment team. In addition to this the usual good programme will be presented by the regimental band, the full programme being as follows:

Part I.

1. Overture to “Les Huguenots” by Meyerbeer.

2. Selection from “Les Huguenots” by Meyerbeer.

3. Concert Waltzes—“Kroll’s Ball Klänge” by Strauss.

4. Selection from “An American Beauty” by Kerker.

Part II.

5. Ballad—“Swifts vs. Regiment” by Song and Dance.

6. Song and Dance—“The Cuckoo” by Song and Dance.

7. First time play—“The Cuckoo” by Song and Dance.

8. March—“Nightingale” by Wagner.

9. God save the Queen.

—Great reductions in every line at the Sterling Annual Clearance Sale on Tuesday, 3rd January, 1899. The Sterling, 83 Yates street.

**TEACHERS’ MEETINGS.**

Schedule of Meetings Arranged for by Supt. Eaton Throughout the Year.

During the year 1899, except during the summer and winter vacations, the city superintendent will hold meetings of the teachers of the various grades every month, in accordance with the following schedule:

Primary grades (chart to first reader) on the first Friday, at 3 p.m.

Intermediate grades (second and third readers) on the third Friday, at 4 p.m.

Grammar grades (fourth and fifth readers) on the fourth Friday, at 4 p.m.

Principals of the graded schools, on the fourth Saturday, at 4 p.m.

High school teachers, on the first Wednesday, at 4 p.m.

The meeting of the teachers of the graded schools will be held in the office of the city superintendent; those of the High school teachers in the High school building.

**AN M. P.’S OPINION.**

Aulay Morrison, M.P. for New Westminster, who arrived here last night, was interviewed by a reporter. On the way to his room he was asked, “On the way to your room, did you see any snow?”

“We were in Dawson about a month and a half. The object of my trip was to acquaint myself with the climate, conditions and circumstances of the country for government purposes. Contrary to reports I found Dawson a very orderly town with no bad games or other objectionable things. Coming out I left Dawson on November 25th and arrived at Skagway on Christmas day. The party were frozen in on the way out for a couple of weeks. The journey from the head of navigation to Skagway was all done on foot and averaged from 25 to 30 miles a day. The Skagway and Selkirk railway is progressing rapidly and is now built about eight miles out from Skagway. The last mail received at Dawson at the time of leaving was in August last. The prices and conditions at Dawson are approaching a more normal basis now, and by next spring things will be a great deal better.”

In the building of the nation’s future there appears to be a strong preference for the colonial style of architecture.

The American, Baltimore.

## CHINESE ATTEMPT MURDER

White Man Hacked With Chinese Knives and Felled by a Bludgeon in a Gambling House.

Pook Long & Co.’s Gaming House the Scene of a Brutal Attempt at Robbery and Murder.

A Case Which Will Throw Light on the Secret Gambling Hells of Chinatown.

During the latter part of last summer a condition of affairs obtained in the Chinese quarter of this city, the story of which was known to the police and to the newspaper men whose business took them into the quarter. The cause of the trouble at that time was the revival of the old feud between rival clans or lodges of the Celestials, arising in part from the gambling troubles which are a perennial cause of dispute among these people. Although the matter was at the time kept comparatively quiet, those acquainted with the facts knew that a serious disturbance was only averted through the visit of the detectives and police officers to the gambling tables must be kept orderly.

As long as the Chinamen confined their quarrels to themselves it is not likely much notice would have been taken of the matter, for they have a happy faculty of preserving secrecy regarding the occurrences in that quarter; not one quarter of the rows which take place among them are reported to the police officers. After the trouble referred to, the gamblers kept very quiet for a time, but the games of chance and the gambling went on all the same, for it seems as necessary to their existence that they should be allowed their nightly in-layings at the gaming table as that they should have their regular allowance of tea and opium.

Unfortunately for the merchants engaged in the trade, the fan-tan and chuck-a-luck games which were in progress among them, proved too much for some white men, whose curiosity was aroused by the chances for gain which these tables presented. As long as they brought custom and good Christian money to the establishments of the merchants of Fingard and Cornorant streets these men encouraged their visits, for they found that they bore their gains and losses with more equanimity than the ordinary frequenters of the tables. All went well until the 9th of December, when an event occurred which suddenly gave a new turn to the state of affairs.

William Russell was one of the Canadians who found the attractions of Pook Long & Co.’s gaming tables too strong to be resisted. Again and again he visited the establishment and found that his profits grew with each trip which he made to the house of the Chinese merchant. Whether this was part of a well considered plan to entice Russell to the place remains to be seen, but he certainly found these visits both pleasant and profitable. On the evening of the 9th of December his last trip was made and the experience of that night as told by him is one that will remain as a vivid picture on his memory for the rest of his life.

The game on the evening in question was of the chuck-a-luck variety, and it had just begun before Russell saw he was being systematically robbed. He protested and the dispute was for the time adjusted. Play was resumed, but soon the single white player saw again that he was being robbed, and that his only hope of saving his money and perhaps his life was to make good his escape. His gaming companions evidently suspected his purpose, for they crowded round the tables, and their alarmed eyes followed the movements of the pale-faced player with the vigilance of a cat. Snatching up his money, which he had been saving for some time, he saw he was being systematically robbed. He protested and the dispute was for the time adjusted. Play was resumed, but soon the single white player saw again that he was being robbed, and that his only hope of saving his money and perhaps his life was to make good his escape. 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## THE SHOPLIFTER'S EYE.

It Wanders and Betrays the Thief's Intent—Tricks of Thieves.

This is the season when the professional shoplifter as well as the amateur makes life interesting for the private detectives employed by the great retail stores, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. During the time of holiday purchases some of the largest hazzards contain as many as 15,000 people at a time and in these jostling, eddying, surging crowds the pickpocket and shoplifter fairly revel, and only about one in four is caught.

The amount of goods stolen annually from any one of the big department stores in New York amounts up into the thousands of dollars. A portion of the loss is by dishonest employees, but this is relatively inconsiderable. So large are the hazzards involved that one of the department stores constantly employs twenty-four private detectives, men and women, at salaries ranging from \$18 to \$25 per week. In addition, the chief of the force, a naturally keen-eyed man, officers are not generally known in the store; their usefulness would be gone if their identity were revealed. They dress as do ordinary shoppers, and not infrequently make purchases for which they have no personal use.

The store detective's work has two objects—that of preventing thefts from the stock and of saving legions of customers from loss of purse or watch. The detective who is keeping an eye on cheap jewelry, perfume, neckwear, or the like, does not waste her time in walking along back of the line of people who are crowding close to the counter. On the contrary, she herself crowds close to one end of the counter, and then keenly sweeps the line of faces below her. seldom if ever does she watch the hands of the customers or the articles they are fingering. That would be useless. But she does look searching at each pair of eyes. Why? Because the honest customer looks at the goods in his hands, turns them over, examines them carefully, but looks at them. The thief also fingers the goods, but his eyes are roving from side to side, not fixed upon the goods. Why? Because the honest customer looks at the goods in his hands, turns them over, examines them carefully, but looks at them. The thief also fingers the goods, but his eyes are roving from side to side, not fixed upon the goods.

It is so difficult in most cases to be sure that a suspected person is really a thief that a rule, the girl detective says for her chief before taking any decisive step. Years ago the store detective was not so discreet, and many suits for false arrest followed. It is seldom that such cases are taken to court, because the stores try to compromise them. Some of the greater shops have a regular fund set aside to meet such emergencies.

Nobody can tell just why most shoplifters are women, except on the hypothesis that more women than men visit the retail stores. It is a fact that while the professional thieves caught are about equally divided as to sex, almost all of the amateurs are women. Last Thursday an elegantly dressed woman of apparent respectability was arrested for stealing a ten-cent cake of soap. She had already purchased nearly \$50 worth of merchandise, and she had more than \$50 in her purse, and it was estimated that her net suit and fur cloak must have cost hundreds. Nevertheless, she picked the soap into her handbag, and did it so awkwardly that she was at once apprehended. When taken to the private office of the superintendent of the store she burst into tears and declared she had no idea why she stole the article. She freely disclosed her name, and begged that for the sake of her husband and children the matter might be kept quiet. For many years she had had an account at this very store and was well known by the heads of several departments. She was severely lectured and finally allowed to depart in order to save disturbance in her family. Had she been a professional thief she never would have stolen soap or a pair of stockings or a bottle of cologne water—articles such as most amateurs try to fitch; she would have endeavored to steal jewelry, a watch, a camera, a small clock, or a case—something worth pawn.

The amateur shoplifter's nature is hard to explain. A store superintendent of twenty years' experience declares his belief that with a large proportion of women the impulse to steal is almost uncontrollable. They see thousands of small articles lying around within reach; apparently nobody is watching, and they wonder how far they could get from that counter without being caught. Then they make the experiment. If they had any particular use for the articles "stolen," their motives could be understood. But they haven't. Usually the impulse to steal corresponds somewhat to the impulse of certain persons to throw themselves from high towers, building or pier when jumping down.

Most of the stores in New York make no distinction between men and women arrested in the act of stealing—locking them up without reference to sex. But one of two stores usually let women go free after a first offence because 50 per cent. of them are of more than merely respectable position. The most notorious shoplifter in New York for many years was the wife of a wealthy banker. Whenever she went shopping she was followed by an attendant employed by her husband, who quietly paid in each store for whatever she managed to steal. She was an undoubted kleptomaniac.

It happens not infrequently that women, when arrested, turn around and accuse the firm itself with being a party to their crime.

"You had no business to tempt me so," one woman declared early in this week when brought face to face with the superintendent.

"Here you load counters and tables with ten thousand articles, quite unguarded, and yet expect us all to resist the temptation!"

But the superintendent made her see that if she really could not control her self the proper place for her was an insane asylum.

Not long ago the chief detective of a large Broadway store met on the street a man named Miller, an old criminal, who had just been released after serving eight years in Sing Sing for grand larceny committed in the shop employing the detective.

"Say, Miller," remarked the detective, "I wish you'd tell me how you did your most satisfactory job with us?"

"Well, I will," replied Miller. "I was scouting around on your sixth floor one day, looking for pie, when I smelled camphor; and of course I knew that where camphor was used, there must be goods valuable enough to preserve. So I looked through a door and saw a lot of men working on furs, and I fixed their faces in my mind. Then I hung around the foot of the stairs leading from that floor to the one below until I saw those men come down for dinner at noon. Every one of them came, too, leaving the storage room empty. Then I hustled back there, knocked open a box, took out a beautiful fur cloak, fastened it around my body underneath my arms, and put my loose overcoat on afterward. It then walked out as easy as you please, and pawned the cloak for \$50. It was a dandy, too—must have cost \$200!"

A recent arrest made at this same store was of a man who came there and wanted to return sixteen large octavo volumes of a historical work which was



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**SOLDIER BOYS LOST FILINGS.**

Teeth Strangely Affected by the Climate in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

The soldiers who went down to the fever-infected island of Cuba discovered many strange things about the climate and its effect upon them, says the Chicago Chronicle. The terrible downpours of rain, like nothing to which they were accustomed, followed so shortly by blistering heat for a few hours, were a decided novelty, especially to the Chicago soldiers, accustomed though they are to the variable weather of this city. But perhaps the oddest manifestation of the climate was in the fact that nearly all the men who had gold fillings in their teeth discovered before they left Cuba, or soon after their return home, that the fillings had either loosened or dropped out altogether.

Whether the gold shrunk or the teeth expanded under the influence of the peculiar climatic conditions is something that returned warriors have not determined, but certain they are that some strange thing happened which made the fillings loosen and drop out and the dentists who performed the original operations have been busy ever since trying to explain the why.

A correspondent returned from Puerto Rico, who spent several months on a dispatch boat cruising between Cuba and Jamaica and the other islands of those seas, reports another odd circumstance. The bunch of keys he carried in his pocket from the time he left Chicago was not only badly corroded, but the aluminum tag attached to the key ring was as badly rusted and corroded as if it were tin. And these keys and the tag never fell into the water or were exposed to the dew by an accident. They corroded while presumably safe in the owner's pocket.

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## Mines and Mining.

Rossland Mining Stock.

There are some interesting features concerning the Rossland mining stock market during the year just closing. The price of this year War Eagle shares were 90 cents. Six months ago they were \$2.00 and to-day \$3.05.

Iron Mask for the same period was 36 and 55 cents and \$3.00.

Virginia has advanced for the first six months from 16 to 44, and the last held its own with a recent rise of two cents.

A year ago Deet Park was quoted at 12 1/2 cents and six months back at 16 1/2 cents. It is now 20 cents.

Dundee has declined from 75 cents to 26, Monte Cristo from 34 six months ago to 10 now, and Iron Horse from January 15, 1898, at 1.15 to 1.18, has slipped from 16 to 10 1/2 cents.

Shipments From Rossland.

Ore shipments from the mines of the Rossland camp for the year ending December 31, 1898, were as follows:

The Kel.	66,000
War Eagle	52,770
Iron Mask	2,990
Centennial	2,907
Poorman	453
Monte Cristo	450
Velvet	350
Wild	140
Giant	114
Sunset	86
Deer Park	2

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The Mine's Exchange at Slocan City proposes in the near future placing an ore cabinet near the depot, that the travelling public may see that Slocan City is not only the prettiest townsite in West Kootenay, but that it has the mineral to back it up.

Opening Up of Claims.  
G. E. Monckton, F. G. S., writing in the Island Sentinel, says:

## Provincial News.

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the first regular meeting of the new council standing committees of the council were struck. The whole council of seven aldermen stands as a committee in each department, of which the following were appointed chairmen: Finance, Ald. J. G. Scott; board of works, Ald. W. R. Gillie; fire, water and ferry, Ald. J. Peck; light and relief, Ald. M. C. McDonald; police and health, Ald. R. B. Reid; railway and bridge, Ald. J. C. Brown.

Chief Ackerman of the fire department has submitted his annual report to the council for the past year ending December 31. The report shows that the members of the brigade, amount of wages paid to each and an inventory of all property belonging to the department, with the value of the same. The chief is of the opinion that the city is not doing its duty in that property that was destroyed would have been saved, even with our small brigade, had the water held out. In the fire of September 10th and 11th the buildings destroyed were valued at \$1,200,000, and of these lots had more than one building on them. Eighty of said lots were covered with business blocks, while 174 were residence lots. The value of the business blocks and lots was \$850,000, and the estimated loss by the fire was \$2,300,000, insured for about \$1,250,000. The other fires during the year were in the number, on the following basis: \$100,000, or less, 10; \$100,000 to \$150,000, 1; \$150,000 to \$200,000, 1. He saw no reason to change his former advice that a station be built on the upper level of the city, and a hose wagon, team and two men be kept there. The city would save \$100,000 per year, and would add greatly to the efficiency of the department in both the upper and lower parts of the city. The actual cash paid out by the city for the year was \$100,000, exclusive of occasional necessary purchases of apparatus.

**VANCOUVER.**

On Tuesday evening Alice, Maude Edmondson, of Chillyrack, and George Scarborough Warne, of England, were united in marriage here.

Lt.-Col. Worsnop, as the military commandant on the mainland, has received a number of New Year cards from the commanding officers of the militia regiments all over Canada.

The new voters list shows that there are 1,716 voters in ward 1, 1,690 in ward 2, 1,705 in ward 3, 1,863 in ward 4, 1,417 in ward 5. The proportion of owners and tenants is about the same as usual.

**GRAND FORKS.**

Messrs. Ross & Fox, of Toronto, who have recently purchased Upper Grand Forks, an addition to the city, have made a deal for the purchase of the Williams stage line, which runs between this place and Marcus and Bossburg. By the terms of the deal some \$3,000 was paid down, and the new owners of the stage line are to retain Mr. G. W. Williams as manager of the entire stage system, he being allowed \$400 a month for his salary. Grand Forks is at present experiencing a building boom.

**CASCADE CITY.**

The first marriage ceremony ever solemnized in this city took place on December 28th at Black's hotel, where Miss Gertrude Pearson became Mrs. Edmund A. Smith. Father William Palmer, of Trail, performed the ceremony.

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for England to endeavor to raise capital to irrigate and cultivate some 7,000 acres of land near Kamloops, which, it has been proven, is capable of producing unrivalled fruit, etc., if only properly irrigated. To do this over 20 miles of irrigating channels or ditches will have to be built.

# MUNICIPAL NOTICE

ADJOURNED TAX SALE.

# Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1898.

Lot of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria to be sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs, on the 30th day of January, 1899, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1896," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

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**MACGREGOR & RICHARDS,**  
15 BROAD ST. NEXT CHURCH.

UNION BREWERY DEPOT, 150 Government street (north of Hotel Victoria); best beer in the province. G. B. Hart-

10,000 ROLLS NEW WALL PAPER just received; some beautiful effects. A. W. Moller, 70-75 Fort street, agent.